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SUBJECT: ESENBEL WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

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1. ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN WIDELY RUMORED THAT AMBASSADOR ESENBEL WOULD BE NOMINATED BY THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS TO RUN FOR THE PARLIAMENT FROM ISTANBUL (SOME NOMINATIONS ARE MADE BY PARTY HEADQUARTERS RATHER THAN BY LOCAL PRIMARIES), WHEN THE ISTANBUL LIST CAME OUT MAY 5 ESENBEL'S NAME WAS NOT ON IT.

2. LAST EVENING, I ASKED SENATOR INAN WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
THE LATTER RESPONDED THAT HE HAD FACETIOUSLY ACCUSED
FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL OF HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OMISSION
BUT THAT IN FACT A REAL EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE BY OFFICIALS
AT JP HEADQUARTERS TO GET ESENBEL ONTHE LIST IN A HIGH
ENOUGH POSITION TO ASSURE HIM A CHANGE OF ELECTION. ACCORDING
TO INAN, THERE WERE JUST TOO MANY OTHERS THAT HAD A
HIGHER PRIORITY AND HAD TO BE PLACED. INAN (WHO DOES
NOT LIKE ESENBEL) EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE LATTER'S
OMISSION FROM THE LIST. THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT, HE ALLEGED,
HAD ALMOST NO EXPERTS WITHIN ITS MEMBERSHIP AND HE FELT
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THAT ESENBEL COULD HAVE MADE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION THERE. I ASKED IF INAN WAS CERTAIN THAT ESENBEL REALLY HAD SOUGHT A PLACEON THE LIST. INAN RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. I ASKED IF HE THOUGHT ESENBEL MIGHT LATER ON BE MADE A CONTINGENT (APPOINTED) SENATOR AND INAN AGAIN RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

3. INAN CHARACTERIZED THE JUSTICE PARTY LISTS WHICH HAVE EMERGED FOR BOTH ISTANBUL AND ANKARA AS "RECIPES FOR DEFEAT."

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